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The story of an unforgettable season for Northampton Town FC

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The scenes during last Sunday's open top bus parade added one last great memory to a season that no Northampton Town fan will ever forget, *writes Matt Wright.*

A season that began with such uncertainty and turmoil behind the scenes has ended with the Cobblers running away with the League Two title, breaking plenty of records in the process.

If anything, the financial crisis that enveloped the Sixfields club last autumn brought players and supporters closer together and that continued as Chris Wilder's men became a winning machine. Bring on League One!

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Our football writers take a look at the incredible story

From days of glum to

COBBLERS

BY JAMES AVERILL
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HAVING supported the Cobblers all my life I knew what I was getting myself into when I took on the job of covering them on matchdays for the Herald.

This is a club that just doesn't seem to do 'boring' or 'slow news days'. Even so, the utterly bonkers season of 2015/16 will take some beating - and it's unlikely to ever be replicated.

Little did I know after a sunny opening day win against Bristol Rovers that in the next few months I would need to brush up on company law and attend 50 second court cases in Birmingham, all in the name of covering this club.

Although Chris Wilder's activity in the transfer market seemed to have gone down well - bringing in quality players such as Nicky Adams, Adam Smith and David Buchanan - there was still a cloud hanging over the club at the start of the season.

It came in the form of the steel skeleton of the East Stand, a botched £10.25million council funded project that ended up nearly killing off the club.

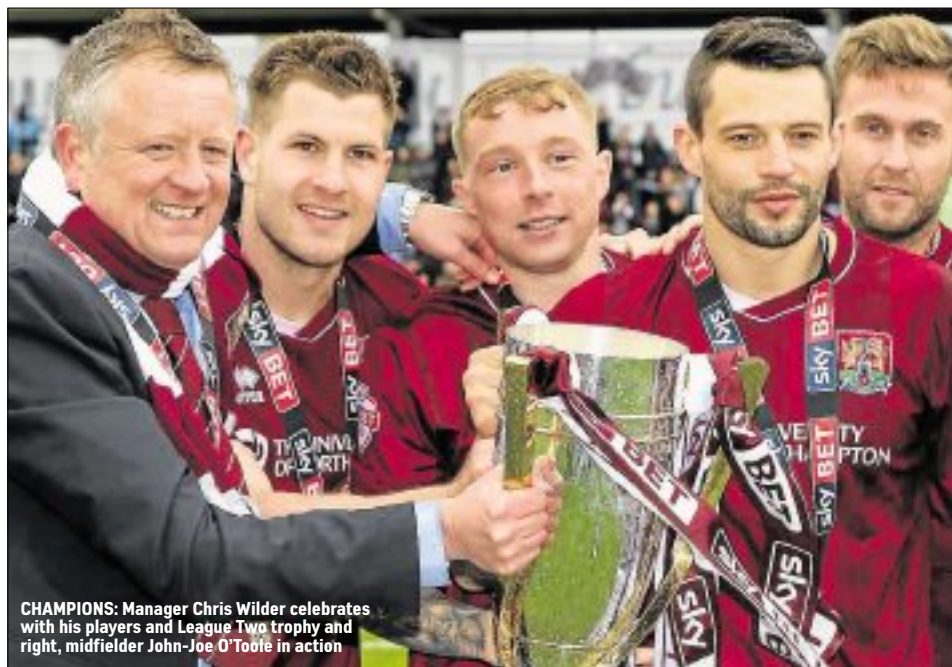
The delays on the building of the stand had rumbled on for nearly a year, and the uncertainty had grown after a 'heads of terms' agreement had been reached between then chairman David Cardoza and an unknown Indian consortium.

As weeks flew by with no answers on either the takeover or the East Stand, the unrest grew.

It reached a crescendo after a poor defeat at home to Dagenham & Redbridge at the beginning of September (the team would go on to lose just twice more after it).

The Northampton Town Supporters' Trust decided to align itself with an online #WeWantAnswers campaign - and the protests began.

Ironically, the game in which



CHAMPIONS: Manager Chris Wilder celebrates with his players and League Two trophy and right, midfielder John-Joe O'Toole in action

they held it against Oxford United started the incredible run of form that would see the team crowned Champions at the end of the year.

Nobody knew it at the time however, as the chairman started the process of his exile, saying he had been advised by police to stay away from the ground.

From then he was never seen on matchday at Sixfields again - but despite his absence the team just kept on winning.

Chris Wilder did his best to steer post-match interviews onto the superb performance of his players, but the uncertain future of the club was eating away at him and all the staff at the club.

In just a month, things spiralled downwards to crisis point - first the council loan called in, then a

HMRC winding-up order. Players and staff went unpaid, but loyal to their club continued to turn up even though the club's bank account had been frozen.

In those glum days where fans rattled buckets everyone at the club stood up.

Non-playing staff like kit man Adam Moreton, Pablo Garcia, Matt Prestidge and Anders Braastad continued their preparations to give Chris Wilder and Alan Knill a platform to work on for themselves.

Fans in particular will remember emotional away games at Newport County, Coventry City and in particular Notts County.

At the pitchside of Meadow Lane the term 'crisis' now seemed like an insulting understatement.

With Kelvin Thomas seemingly out of the picture with just days until a High Court hearing, Chris Wilder finally got things off his chest.

'Let's get the bleeding deal done' he roared, and a few days later it was. Almost overnight the pressure lifted - and remarkably so did the intensity of the players.

Ten consecutive wins in a row soon became a club record of undefeated games as they waltzed to the title.

Kelvin Thomas has long joked that winning the league in such comprehension was 'never in doubt' - but in all honesty he should be nothing short of staggered at how things have gone since he came in.

Popular with the fans and with

Five players who were key to Town's title triumph

Adam Smith Goalkeeper

Smith arrived at Sixfields under something of a cloud after an incident during a trip to Thailand brought a controversial end to his time with Leicester City.

But his brilliant form between the sticks ensured that we're now all talking about his football - never was this recognised more than when he was named in the Football League Team of the Year.

The 23-year-old won a few games almost on his own, such as the 1-0 home victory against Accrington, and he became the last line of what became a sturdy defence as the season wore on.

David Buchanan Defender

Buchanan signed on a free transfer from Preston last summer in search of regular first-team football and it's fair to say he found that at Sixfields, as he only missed 45 minutes of league action all season.

In fact, the 30-year-old left-back started every game in all competitions for the Cobblers and the best part of is: can anyone remember him having a bad game?

His consistency made him one of the first names on Chris Wilder's team sheet and he even ended the season as captain after Marc Richards' campaign was ended by injury.

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Dear Chris: Get the bleedin' deal done

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Northampton Town fans took to social media last night after we asked: What is your message to Chris Wilder?

And one disgruntled Cobblers fan turned the gaffer's own famous words back on him: Get the bleeding deal done.

It was these words that an emotional Wilder issued to former chairman David Cardoza to sell up. And it worked.

This time it is the words of a passionate fan, after it was revealed Wilder had walked away from the

vacant managerial position at Charlton Athletic.

Jonathan Yates said on Twitter: "Whether it's a new contract with NTCF, or moving on to whoever else: 'just get the bleeding deal done!!'"

The question is, the words worked for Wilder - but will it now work for the fans?

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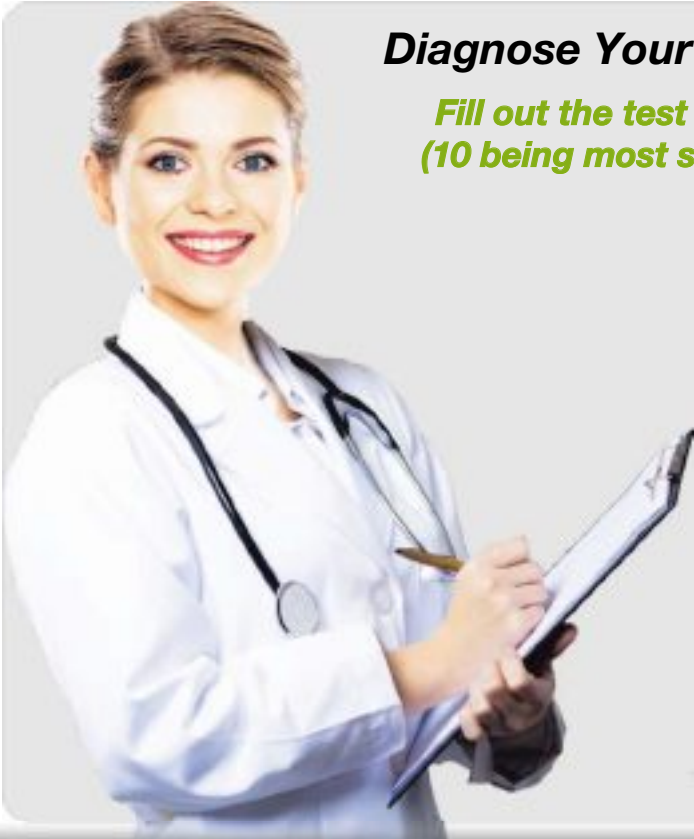
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Where is your favourite spot in the world?

Rome - I worked there a few years ago - three exhausting beautiful months.

What was the last thing you broke?

My car yesterday - I don't know what's wrong - but it's definitely broke!!

If David Lonsdale was a drink, what drink would he be?

A plain white coffee.

What is your favourite sandwich?

Cheese and pickle.



This week's Txt 2 Txt is with actor David Lonsdale who is appearing in Heartbeat at Royal & Derngate this week until Saturday, May 14.

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

Figaro.

Name one item you have lost and you want back?

My 'Through the Keyhole' key - Think someone nicked it!

What song makes you cry or gets you emotional?

Kiss Today Goodbye from A Chorus Line.

Who is the most famous person you have met face to face?

HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Editor's Letter



It's time to decide on the superlative of the Cobblers' season

In the course of preparing this special Cobblers edition of the Herald and Post I have been trying to come up with some decent superlatives to describe their season.

From the brink of destruction to the gates of football heaven the Cobblers have been waltzing around triumph and disaster for months.

I started off with 'rollercoaster'.

Journalism is not poetry - not without a liberal dose of luck - but rollercoaster just did not cut the mustard.

Not unless it was a rollercoaster that was partially unbuilt, changed owners mid-ride and still managed to come top of the league as the highest and fastest...

I have chucked in a couple of amazings and incredibles around the paper.

Once again, not Pulitzer Prize winning stuff, but amazing and incredible are like linguistic Bucks Fizz. It's the thought that counts, not the value of the prize.

It will be a sad day when newspapers are not reporting on the amazing and the incredible. Those words are the jour-

It has been the twistiest season of all time for Northampton Town

nalistic bunting we hang out time and time again, like slightly weary party decorations we haven't got the heart to throw out.

It still leaves me no closer to the word that really describes what has been going on at Sixfields since last September.

What I really want to say is: it has been Northampton Town's twistiest season of all time in the Game of Thrones sense.

Just as all seems lost a hero comes along but then just as it seems as if everything is sorted the story twists and turns into something else.

I cast around the office for inspiration and I am offered: astounding, majestic, wowser.

I'm not sure we can crack this without expletives.

In fact let's open this up to you gentle readers.

Send me your superlatives via Facebook, email or Twitter and let's see if you can do any better.

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Body discovery

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Bitten by dog

A woman was bitten by a 'big dog' while she was waiting for a bus in Barton Seagrave - before its owner arrived and ran away with the pet. The 54-year-old was bitten on the arm and pulled to the floor. This happened on April 25.

Fast food brawl

Two men and one woman were punched during a brawl at the McDonald's restaurant on the Drapery in Northampton on Monday, May 2. Police are appealing for witnesses to this incident to call 101.

Chocolate thief

Northants Police have issued an appeal for witnesses after a man stole a box of chocolates at the BP service station in Abington Avenue, Northampton. The incident happened on the night of Saturday, April 30.

Serial thief

Police investigating two purse thefts in Brackley and Northampton believe the thief may be responsible for similar incidents in Leicestershire, Surrey, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. See the full story and CCTV image online.

County PCs in dance off craze

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A group of Northants Police officers have joined the latest craze to sweep the internet by taking on the viral 'running man' video challenge.

The video, shot at the force's police headquarters at Wootton Hall last Sunday, was filmed after the gauntlet was laid down by the Metropolitan Police.

It shows three rows of around 30 special constables in the forecourt of the HQ dancing along to the 1996 hip-hop hit, My Boo, by Ghost Town DJs.

Meanwhile, a police van sits in the background with blue flashing lights, before an officer steps forward and throws his cap over the camera to bring the minute-long clip to an end.

The chief constable of Northants Police, Simon Edens, said: "We're supportive of showing the



BUSTING MOVES: Northants Police take on Running Man challenge

lighter side of policing in what can be a very serious line of work. As a police force we are connected to the wider international policing family in keeping people safe."

The dance craze was first started by cops in New Zealand as a recruitment drive, where officers busted moves in a

30-second video clip and then challenged the New York Police Department to give it a go themselves.

The American cops then called on Police Scotland, which in turn threw the gauntlet to the Met Police - with officers across the UK now being encouraged to throw some moves.

Look what was hiding in the shed

Photographer Paul Howard discovered some uninvited guests in his garden shed after he and his wife Rebecca became suspicious of the amount of moss and twigs accumulating there.

A robin's nest was revealed containing eggs which hatched into a brood of baby robins. "We thought we had frightened it off but the next morning I

looked into the nest on the right hand hole to see if there was anything there. I slowly put my three fingers into the soft moss lined nest and there were three warm small eggs."

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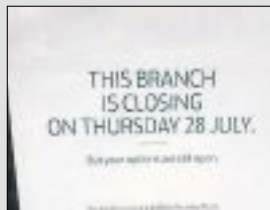
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Yes to stay in EU



More than half of businesses in the county would vote to stay in the EU according to a poll by Northamptonshire Chamber.

The survey showed 53.6 per cent would vote to stay while 37.5 per cent would vote to leave on June 23.

OAP's letter hits home for PCC

Lawrence John speaks to the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Northants, Stephen Mold

One of the proudest items which will be in the office of Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire's new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), will be a letter.

It is from a county pensioner in her 80s or 90s telling him about the problems she faces while walking down her street.

She told the new PCC she sees people selling drugs and said this sort of anti-social behaviour did not make her feel safe.

The woman wrote: "I want to report this but I am a little old lady who lives on her own. And I want to know can you keep me safe?"

Mr Mold has said when he moves into his new office this letter will hang on the wall and if he ever wonders why is he doing the job he will look at it and know it is to keep this little old lady, and everyone else in the county, safe.

When I spoke to him before the result of the PCC

election on Friday and he told me this tale, it clearly affected him and he said he had wanted to read the letter out if he won but felt he would be overcome by emotion.

The new PCC said he was keen on seeing intervention by different agencies far quicker to protect and help people and was committed to maintaining frontline policing in the county.

He said one of the reasons for this was when he was out campaigning people told him they wanted to see more police officers.

And he wants to see better training for Special Constables so what they do is better integrated with the force.

Mr Mold wants to be a PCC who will be judged by actions rather than words.

He said: "When I was at school I was told 'his talking does not put him off but it does the rest of the class'.

"So I want to be judged by my actions and not my words and as a result I want



to raise the profile of the office of the PCC.

"It was very apparent on the campaign trail people needed to know more about what the PCC can do and what are his powers.

"He needs to have a lot more positive impact on people's lives.

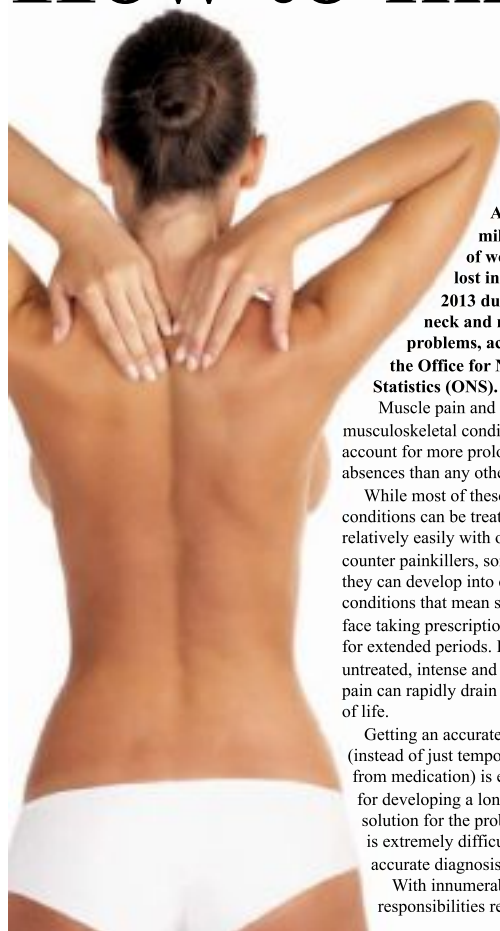
"I heard a lot of heart-wrenching stories from people and I need to do everything I can to protect them and to make them feel safer. This is why we need earlier intervention when it comes to domestic violence. "In one case I heard about from a woman I met, it

seemed her only crime was loving the wrong man. I have always been a great admirer of the force and we need to deliver people a safe Northamptonshire and this will be my number one message.

"My door will always be open to the police."

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain

Advertisement Feature



Almost 31 million days of work were lost in the UK in 2013 due to back, neck and muscle problems, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Muscle pain and other musculoskeletal conditions account for more prolonged absences than any other ailment.

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Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis.

With innumerable responsibilities requiring

more urgent attention than just "muscle pain" the NHS just isn't set up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

You might get lots of other advice as well, all of which is just as deeply flawed, and you're likely to get something different from every healthcare provider that you speak to. They all have their own opinions.

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Looking for lucky Euro lotto winner

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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An amazing EuroMillions prize worth £67,440.20 has yet to be claimed from a winning ticket bought in Northamptonshire.

National Lottery players are being urged to double-check their numbers for the chance to claim the money.

The search is now on to find the owner of the winning ticket, bought in the Corby/Kettering area who matched five main numbers but no Lucky Star numbers in the draw on April 22.

The winning numbers were 17, 26, 32, 34, 43 and the Lucky Star numbers were 2 and 10.

The ticket-holder has until October 19 to claim their prize. If no-one comes forward by that deadline then the money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to help National Lottery-funded projects across the UK.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "We're eager to

find the mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings. This amazing prize could really make a huge difference. We're urging everyone who bought a EuroMillions ticket in this area to check their old tickets again. We have the champagne on ice and our fingers crossed that the lucky winner comes forward to claim their win."

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Richard Kingsbury



The general manager of PBS America's playlist

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A tall order

A lorry crashed into a railway bridge emblazoned with a large 'low bridge' warning sign.

The crash happened on the A428 in East Haddon, near Althorp, at around 11am on Monday.

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New home

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Smash 'n' grab

Two offenders forced their way through the side door of Tenpin Bowling in Sixfields and stole a cash machine from the floor.

The incident happened sometime between 12.55am and 1.05am on April 28.

Fun day market

A fun day of entertainment and activities for all the family will be held at Northampton Market on May 21.

Activities include balloon art, a giant puppetry act and shopping trolley dance display team Granny Turismo

New frontiers

The University of Northampton will hold a one-day conference on June 10, to talk about the human dimension of Antarctica and Space.

Tickets are priced at £85. Students can register at a cost of £50 (£30 for UoN students).

Open studio

An open studio and MA fine art exhibition will be held tonight, Thursday at 6pm.

It takes place at Avenue Gallery, The University of Northampton Avenue Campus, St. George's Avenue, Northampton

Mini town fest

Visitors to Northampton town centre this Saturday can enjoy reggae and soul inspired music, belly dancing and more with the 'Discover Northampton Live' day. Entertainers will take to stages on Gold St from 11am-3pm.

A new home

Construction and engineering firm Kilnbridge has moved its fabrication operation from London to Northampton. The company supplies steel and concrete structures to clients like Network Rail and Transport for London.

It's a fishy tale

Anglers and dog walkers have been finding dead fish washing up at Ruston Reservoir at Sixfields in Northampton.

Otters have been spotted in the area, and the Environment Agency is monitoring the situation.



CONCERNED: Councillor Julie Brookfield says the cuts could be damaging to children

£3m cuts hit child services

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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The closure of eight children's centres across Northants has been approved by the county council - despite a protest and petition forming part of hundreds of objections by parents.

The local authority, which needs to save £65 million in 2016/17, had proposed to not only shut centres in Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering, but to also relocate further 13 to libraries.

And just on Tuesday at a cabinet meeting, these controversial plans were approved - which will now see the council slash its children's centre budget this year by £3 million to £7 million.

But despite the savings, the opposition Labour group's Shadow Cabinet Member for Children's Services fears that families most in need will now pay the biggest price for these cuts, and that the move could lead to more children going into care - resulting in a bigger cost to the taxpayer.

Cllr Julie Brookfield said: "Children's centres were set up to intervene early and help support parents who were struggling to bring up their children and just needed that extra helping hand, so that further down the line they wouldn't need the intervention of a social worker - because when that happens it is



EIGHT CLOSURES: Thornton in Kettering has been axed

incredibly expensive.

"If you prevent a problem from happening in the first place and stop them from escalating, it is more socially responsible and it saves money."

Also part of the rubber stamped plans are cuts to children's services budgets in areas across the county, which will see Corby lose 25 per cent of its funding, followed by 23 per cent for Northampton Central.

Wellingborough will lose 24 per cent, while Kettering will lose 27 per cent, South Northants will lose 31 per cent, East Northants will wave off 36 per cent and Daventry will lose 37 per cent.

As a result of this, 200 concerned parents in Corby rallied together last month in a street protest against the plans, and a further 1,800 signed a petition - with the consultation itself receiving 727 responses.

The children's centres that will close are in Headlands, Parklands and Wootton in Northampton, Croyland and Oakway in Wellingborough, Bugbrooke in South Northants and Ronald Tree and Thornton in Kettering.

Among the 13 centres being relocated to the nearest libraries are Gloucester and Vernon Terrace - moving to Northampton Central - and Duston and Hunsbury which are also in the town.

Also being moved are Deanshanger, Duston, Desborough, Higham Ferrers, Hunsbury, Long Buckby, Meadows, Middleton Cheney, Rothwell, Thrapston and Woodford Halse.

And services at Camrose will be moved to Kings Heath which will become the designated children's centre for the area.

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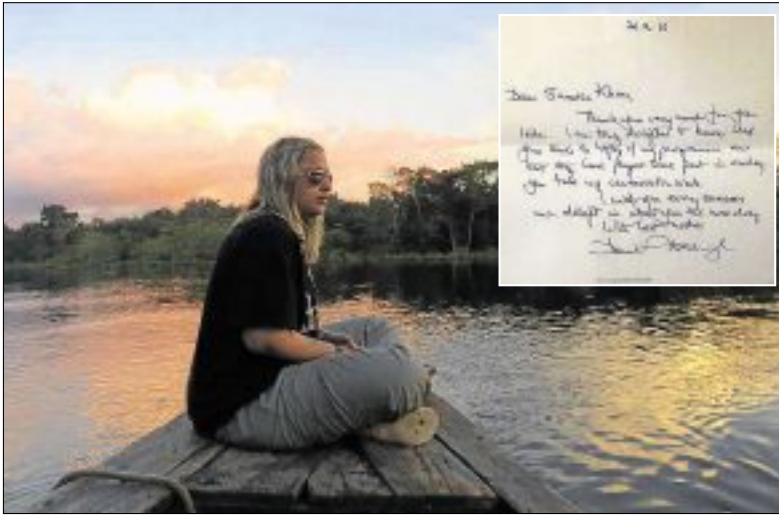
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WILDLIFE WONDER: Student Saadia Khan and inset, her letter from Sir David Attenborough (below)

Sir David's reply to 'inspired' fan

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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It's not every day you receive a letter from your idol, but a University of Northampton student was lucky enough to receive a handwritten reply from Sir David Attenborough in return for the note she gave him at a recent TV recording to mark his 90th birthday and extraordinary career.

Mature student Saadia Khan is about to complete the final year of her BSc (Hons) in Wildlife Conservation and cites Sir David as the reason why she decided on a career change from a senior TV producer into conservation.

After winning tickets to be part of the audience of a special recording of the BBC's Inspiring Attenborough at 90, Saadia took the opportunity to pass on a letter to Sir David expressing how much he has inspired her own ambitions.

She said: "The recording was very intimate and I was able to listen to Sir David discussing everything he has achieved throughout his career and how he has inspired so many people around the world.

"I feel so privileged to have been part of something so historic and was thrilled when I received a handwritten letter back from him saying how delighted he was that his programmes have played an important role in my choice of career.

"Since I made a move into conservation work, I have had some amazing experiences. I recently spent a couple of months in the Amazon conducting field research on the pink

and grey Peruvian River dolphins for a research paper I wrote.

"I am thankful to Sir David since it is his hard work and dedication to wildlife conservation throughout the years that has given me the confidence to follow my true passion and curiosity for the natural world.

"His excitement for nature is contagious and I hope he continues to inspire future generations. He's a truly altruistic man, my idol."

Jeff Ollerton, professor of biodiversity at the University of Northampton, added: "Sir David has been an inspiration to several generations of scientists and conservation professionals.

"He has certainly inspired me, and it's wonderful to see him taking time to encourage the next generation of conservationists."

Voice auditions in town

Budding singers in Northampton are being given the chance to audition for the new series of ITV's The Voice when it comes to a pub and university in the town this month.

Talent scouts from the show will be at the O'Neils pub on the Drapery on Tuesday May 24 at 9pm.

And the following day they will be at

the University of Northampton's Avenue Campus from 10am.

Hopefuls need to prepare one acapella song - and those wanting to book an audition time slot can do so by emailing Nathan.Wiseman-Trowse@northampton.ac.uk

To audition, you need to be 16-years-old by October 1, 2016.

Sale of HQ is done

Northamptonshire's outgoing police and crime commissioner (PCC), Adam Simmonds, has confirmed that the sale of part of the Wootton Hall Park site, which currently houses Northamptonshire police headquarters, to the Education Funding Agency has gone through.

Wootton Park School, the new all-through (4-19)

school, will open in bespoke temporary buildings on the Wootton Hall Park site this September. The school, which has been substantially over-subscribed, will open with Reception and Year 7 classes.

Principal Dan Rosser said: "We are all absolutely delighted that the sale has now been confirmed."

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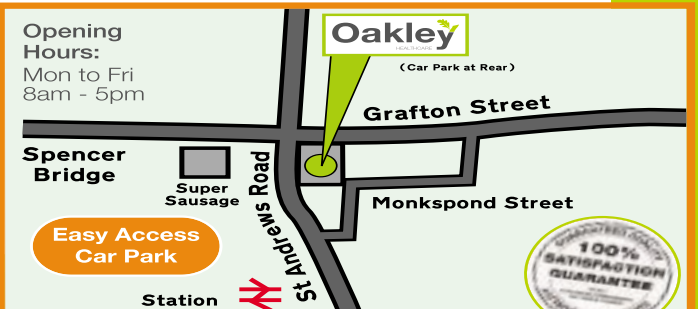
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@KevLad123 tweeted our reporter @NickBieberHP: "Because I have the coolest dog in shades. #Oscar #YellowLab #Dude."

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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK Tough on bad landlords

Cllr Clement Chunga

This week's blogger of the week is Northampton Borough Councillor Clement Chunga



Since being elected last year I have been sitting on the Northampton Partnership Board (NPH).

I fully support what NPH are doing and the team are doing a fantastic job.

I also sit on two sub-committees which are Human Resources and Operations.

Sitting on the NPH board has allowed me to voice the concerns of Brookside residents.

NPH are doing a much better job than what the Borough Council used to do for sure.

My time on NPH has made me think really hard about the housing crisis we have in Northampton, which is not too dissimilar to the rest of the country.

As a ward councillor in Brookside I see two big problems which are increasing rents and poor quality housing.

I believe ultimately we need to build more housing, particularly affordable housing.

Northampton Borough Council has a policy that all new housing developments be at least 35 per cent as affordable. Personally I think it should be about 45 per cent as we urgently need

more affordable housing in our area. NPH are determined to improve the quality of their existing stock.

We need to be tougher on bad landlords in Northampton.

I can give you an example of a tenant in my ward that has had an awful experience with her landlord.

She has two young children living in this flat and they are being evicted under the pretext of "carrying out necessary work" and she is also been told that the deposit money she paid will be forfeited to be used for repairs in the house.

I sincerely believe the landlord is acting illegally in both counts: withholding deposit and evicting them without a court order.

Nationally the Tories have spent the last five years blaming Labour over housing.

Labour were successful in Government on housing. What we have is five years of failure by the Tories.

I think the 'right to buy' policy introduced by the Thatcher Government has been a disaster.

I hope a future Labour Government would end the right to buy policy.

Your views



Please keep town centre free from human excrement

Extracts of a letter from Northampton resident John Wright to the chief executive of Northampton Borough Council, David Kennedy, and MP for Northampton South, David Mackintosh:

My wife and I went to the town centre at 9.05am on Tuesday, something we avoid as each time we go the alleys and fire exit doors are covered in excrement - dried and fresh - and three times I have sent you such pictures in the last 12 months.

You have said that you have employed a Town Centre Manager and rangers and NBC Enforcement officers to make sure if it happens it is cleaned away. Plus the whole centre is under close camera supervision.



STREET LIFE:
Abington Street
in Northampton
town centre

Well we parked in the Notre Dame Car Park and walked down towards the library, every doorway full of excrement months old and new, pictures enclosed.

The stench was appalling and made my wife feel sick.

I spoke to a police officer and showed these photographs, said it was disgusting and said it happens every day, but what could they do, it's the doorways' fault for being set

back from path apparently? Also, there were beggars sleeping in many doorways, in Abington Street I counted seven.

Four times between car park and the Grosvenor we were subject to aggressive begging.

It's a total disgrace and you and the politicians agonise how to improve the town centre - keep it free from human excrement would be a good start and drive out the street people!

Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to news@hpnorthants.co.uk



Denford: Honey for sale made by bees from flowers along the River Nene



Denford: A canal boat making its way along the River Nene



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What was your mayor doing?

BY STEVE SCOLES
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When the Caring and Sharing Trust at Cogenhoe puts on a show it is like Northamptonshire's answer to the Bilderburg Group.

Bilderburg is the secretive gathering of global power brokers who meet to supposedly choose the future course of world politics and economics but it has a rival in South Northants.

The local great and good assemble to be entertained by the Trust's 'stars' – men and women with learning disabilities who spend their days at Cotton's Farmhouse.

The front rows in the audience glitter with Mayoral chains from across Northants and Buckinghamshire.

Current and former MPs sit side by side. Future Mayors are invited to stand and congratulated with a round of applause. Northampton Alderman Brian Binley chats on the lawn with former Northampton Mayor Les Marriot.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes Alistair McClean has just got room to squeeze his smart little mini into the car park.

MP Andrea Leadsome arrives a little bit late but a few songs



into the show is up and dancing with the stars and the other dignitaries.

Even the Editor of the Northants Herald and Post got a mention this week at a show put on to thank the outgoing Chairman of Northants County Council Phil Larratt for having chosen the Trust as his nominated charity.

Lena Davis is master of ceremonies and her special treat this time is her own addition to the canon of songs written about Northampton. There are some on Youtube and new material is long overdue.

Lena goads the audience with cheeky jokes but is also effusive with praise, thanks and love.

Could that be the secret? Is that why so many of the political power brokers in the area come together at Cogenhoe to enjoy the simple uplifting pleasure of the Caring and Sharing shows? For love...

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A report has been published by the Care Quality Commission following an inspection of East Midlands Ambulance Service

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EMAS is told it has to improve

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has said the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) 'requires improvement'.

On Tuesday it published a report following an inspection.

The CQC looked into three core services at EMAS - emergency and urgent services (across the East Midlands), patient transport services (in north and north east Lincolnshire) and emergency operations centres (one in Nottingham and one in Lincoln).

The CQC gave EMAS an overall rating of 'requires improvement'.

The key findings include:

■ There were insufficient staff and a lack of appropriate skill mix to meet the needs of patients in a timely manner

■ Despite hard work to recruit, the service found it a challenge to retain staff, this is not unique to EMAS

■ Many staff were not receiving performance development reviews and statutory and mandatory training rates were not achieved

■ All staff were passionate about and committed to providing high quality, safe care for patients

■ There was an unrelenting demand for emergency services combined with a lack of staff and resources to meet the need and without exception

■ The chief executive was held in high regard by staff for her visible, open approach EMAS' acting chief executive Richard Henderson said: "Inspectors found we were open and honest about the challenges we were facing and what we are doing to address them."

"The report recognises we have been working really hard to improve response times to emergency calls."

"However there are concerns our lack of resource (staff and vehicles), made worse by the numbers often kept waiting at hospital and lack of capacity to do things as quickly and as well as we need to. As a result we have been rated as 'inadequate' for safety."

The case of... being a Cinderella or Cinderella



Lawrence John

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In the 1992 American presidential election there was a famous slogan which said 'the economy, stupid'.

If I was to paraphrase this for the purposes of this blog it would read 'the shoes, stupid'.

You see if you offered me a choice between a free Xbox or PlayStation and a pair of premier quality shoes made in Northamptonshire then I would choose the shoes every time. My heart would not miss a beat.

I have never owned an Xbox or PlayStation or any other make of games console in my life, but I do own six quality professionally made shoes/boots hand built in Northamptonshire.

I buy them at the factory shop which is less costly than the recommended retail price in a fancy London shoe shop.

I do not spend any of my cash on electronic games or

consoles. You would not bat an eyelid at buying the latest Xbox which would set you back between £250 or £300.

I am probably the world's worst gamer as I have never played on one of these machines but I do have great shoes which will last longer than any electronic gaming device you care to mention.

By the time the gaming machine hits the back of the bin I will still be well heeled in my shoes.

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Leatherworks will

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A £13 million leatherworking centre of excellence could soon be a new addition to Northampton's cultural quarter.

Plans for this new development were expected to be given the green light last night.

Northampton Borough Council has been working with the University of Northampton to create a leatherworking centre of excellence within the town's cultural quarter.

The university has confirmed its plan to occupy the former Vulcan Works in Guildhall Road together with some associated buildings in Angel Street.

This new facility would house an Institute for Creative Leather Technologies, a Leather Conservation Centre and a leathercraft exhibition space.

And the project would also allow the borough council to bring forward its plans for a cultural hub, creating a series of managed work-



HIDE AND SEEK: Existing buildings in the Guildhall Road area

spaces in Fetter Street. Cllr Tim Hadland, council cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and planning, said: "This is an ambitious plan that will place Northampton at the forefront of leatherworking technology."

"We are already renowned for the quality of our shoe production, with the world's largest cluster of prestige footwear firms within a ten-mile radius."

"It makes sense for us to

capitalise on that position, cementing Northampton's place as a global powerhouse for leathercraft."

The entire project will cost around £13m, £5m of which will be used to create the university's new leathercraft centre.

Initially, the university is contributing £2m to the project and will pay back the remaining costs through a 30-year lease arrangement with the council.

It will also run the cultural

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hub, though these will remain in the council's ownership.

University of Northampton chief operating officer, Terry Neville, said: "The county of Northamptonshire has been linked with the leather industry for centuries, and the University of Northampton is delighted that our globally-recognised research and teaching in a sector that produces around £195m for the UK economy will find a new home at the Vulcan Works.

"It will be a source of pride to us and to the borough council to be able to bring these historic buildings that have stood since 1875 back to use as an important hub for the leather industry, and this is an important step on the university's journey to the heart of the town, which will complete in 2018 when we open the doors of the new Waterside Campus."

Most of the

money for the cultural hub is coming through a Local Growth Fund grant, administered by South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

Stephen Catchpole, chief executive of SEMLEP, said: "We are delighted our Local Growth Deal funding is on track to create an exciting hub for creative industries.

"Set in the heart of our Northampton Enterprise Zone, the Vulcan Works

project will support creative businesses in both Northampton and the wider South East Midlands area, and this leatherworking centre of excellence is a really exciting development."

If the plan is approved, a revised concept is expected to be submitted this summer with work starting on-site by the end of the year, and completion in summer 2018.

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Tour de county

Keen cyclists are being invited to get on their bikes and ride the Northamptonshire stage of The Aviva Women's Tour.

The Women's Tour hits the county on Sunday, June 19.

Tour Northamptonshire takes place the following month on Sunday, July 17 - a month after the final stage of the race in the county.

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Northamptonshire County Council deputy leader Cllr

Heather Smith said: "Northamptonshire, it was the first county to stand up and say we wanted the Women's Tour."

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This time next week I'll be ...

H&P Editor Steve Scoles is riding from London to Paris for Cynthia Spencer

This time next week hopefully I will be somewhere in northern France, pedalling at a brisk but leisurely rate and thinking that the 90 miles I did on the first day was not so bad after all.

I've got everything crossed for that. The worst case scenario is that I had to be picked up short of the first day finish point and have already used up my chamois cream.

I will send updates via Twitter (@stevescoles) and a Live Blog which will be on the Herald and Post website.

On May 18 H&P Editor Steve Scoles will set out on the Cynthia Spencer London 2 Paris bike ride with four days to reach the capital of France, 300 miles.

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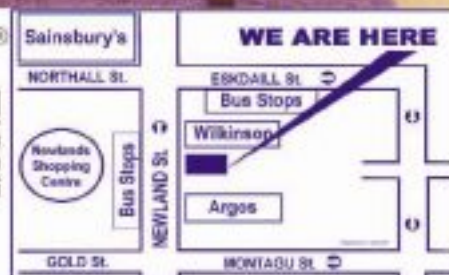
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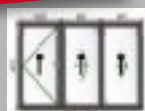
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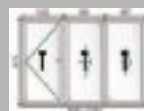
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Cobblers greeted

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Cobblers fans turned out in their thousands on the hottest day of the year to welcome their champions home, as the deafening roar of 'we're going up' echoed across the euphoric town centre.

The jubilant fans lined the streets from Sixfields Stadium all the way to the town centre on Sunday - the route which the Cobblers' open top bus parade travelled along in the glorious sunshine.

Drivers beeped their horns, residents waved flags from their windows and passers-by cheered as the heroic players and staff left their home ground at 4.15pm and headed along Weedon Road towards the centre.

And when the two buses pulled into Gold Street, before lapping All Saints Church, the crowds swelled and the singing grew louder and louder as more fans, both old and young, caught their first glimpse of the team.

But it was when the two buses arrived in the Market Square - where the biggest crowd had gathered in a sea of claret and white - that a deafening roar signalled the start of the loudest part of the parade.

As the buses lapped the square, supporters burst into song and chanted along to the likes of 'Champione', 'We're going up',

'John-Joe O'Toole' and 'There's only one Chris-sy Wilder'.

The 'City Sightseeing' buses - which had been loaned from Stratford-Upon-Avon - then stopped outside Starbucks for the players to make speeches, but instead they chose to lead the fans in song as they showed off the League Two trophy.

The parade then came to an end with the players and staff moving onto the Guildhall, where they met the leader of Northampton Borough Council and other dignitaries, before heading inside for a civic ceremony.

An hour later the players re-emerged on the steps of the Guildhall to thank the remaining hundreds of fans who had decided to stick around to continue cheering on their idols.

They then jumped back on the bus and headed back to Sixfields stadium, where the celebrations continued into the night.

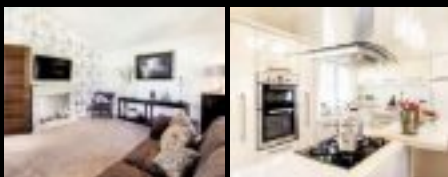
In a year which saw the Cobblers just days from collapse - millions of pounds in debt and on the verge of administration - many will find it hard to believe Sunday even happened - especially those who woke up with a sore head the next day. But in a season which saw seven club records broken, a new addition to the trophy cabinet, and a basketball legend in Shaquille O'Neal announce he is a fan, you could be forgiven for believing that anything is now possible.



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Shaq celebrates title



SERENADING COBBLERS: Shaquille O'Neal sings 'We are the Champions'

Former NBA basketball star Shaquille O'Neal has yet again declared his love for Northampton Town - by posting a video message to the club in which he celebrates them becoming champions.

Donning a claret and white Cobblers scarf, the American basketball legend sings his version of 'We are the Champions' in the video - which was posted last Thursday - marking the club being crowned title winners of Sky Bet League Two.

Shaq, who is already a self-confessed Northampton fan, introduces himself in the video as 'part of the Kelvin Cobblers champions' - referencing the club's chairman Kelvin Thomas,

who owns Florida-based internet radio station Shaq-Fu, which Shaq is the face of.

He then sings the song, made famous by Queen, albeit with a few changes to the lyrics - including 'Kelvin Cobblers champions' and 'Cobblers are the champions'. He also waves his scarf mid-way through the clip.

Shaq, who played for six teams throughout his 19-year NBA career, first confessed his love for the Sixfields outfit in February, when he said 'it is great to see Northampton at the top', and said he was 'looking forward to coming to Sixfields at some point to see a match'.



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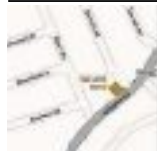
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A home in the world's highest?

MORE Brits are spurning Spain and blanking the Balkans to fork out on a holiday home in the Middle East.

More than 19,000 of us now own property in Dubai, with British investors pumping £1.9bn into Dubai's property sector last year, according to the Dubai Land Department, with investments almost doubling in the last three years.

Dubai has a reputation for building stacks of futuristic skyscrapers that have transformed its skyline, and the latest development is no exception. A new super tower – at more than 2,716ft high – will dwarf current record-holder Burj Khalifa. Costing £700m, it'll house a boutique hotel, shops, restaurants, function rooms and VIP observation garden decks, while The Pinnacle Room will even have rotating glass balconies.

It's part of the new Dubai Creek Harbour which will eventually boast a world class yacht club, marina and harbour,



and 22 hotels. Hundreds of villas and apartments are also planned for the development, and are now up for grabs; building starts in the summer, with new residents expected to be able to move in, in 2020.

The reception rooms will have floor-to-ceiling windows opening onto a private balcony, dividing into a living room and dining room. They'll also have high-spec designer kitchens and

bedrooms with deep fitted wardrobes while the larger apartments will have master bedroom suites with en-suite bathrooms and walk-in wardrobes/dressing rooms.

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Will you always want more here?

COULD you consider yourself at home in this trendy loft space with a cinematic history?

It was once used as Fagin's lair for his gang of juvenile pickpockets in the 1968 hit musical film *Oliver!* which starred Ron Moody as Fagin, Oliver Reed as Bill Sikes, and Mark Lester as Oliver.

The former child actor recalled that the boys were terrified of his co-star and told *The Guardian*: "Ron Moody was very jolly and used to play cards with us between shoots but Oliver Reed was one of those method actors who got into the role completely. When he picked Fagin up by the scruff of his neck, Ron was nearly strangled. And in the scene where he had to drag me along the streets, he really flung me about."

You might have to pick a pocket or two to afford it though, as this warehouse conversion at New Concordia Wharf between Bermondsey and London Bridge



is on the market for £965,000. Converted in the '80s, it was originally used to store grain, tea and spices, and according to the agent is considered one of the more authentic warehouse homes in the now sought-after neighbourhood. It adds that the apartments were all sold as shells which means each one is unique and can be re-modelled again.

Up on the fourth floor, with one reception room and one bathroom, it's got exposed brick walls, beamed ceilings and warehouse windows with plenty of light. There's also a swimming pool and communal roof garden in the block along with extra storage and a parking space.

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Relax at X-factor judge's house

MUSIC mogul Simon Cowell is reportedly struggling to find new fellow judges for this year's *X Factor*.

According to press reports, the high-trousered one is having a nightmare after Cheryl Fernandez-Versini and Nick Grimshaw quit the singing show. Nicole Scherzinger is said to have snubbed his offer to return, Sharon Osbourne can't make it because of filming commitments in the States and even Louis Walsh's return isn't a done deal.

No doubt he'll pull it off in time for the upcoming thirteenth series of the ITV show which sees the mentors whisking their groups off to exotic locations for their final audition.

Last year the judges' houses round featured a French



chateau and houses in LA, Rome and the Cotswolds. But in 2010 Cowell chose Cove Spring House, in St James, Barbados – where he'd also taken a bunch of ex-girlfriends for Christmas

dinner and karaoke for his annual retreat.

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On the market for £42m, it's on a cliff top with panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea and has its own secluded beach at the bottom. Set within 1.3 acres, there are seven bedroom suites in the main house with another three in a separate

guest cottage. Most rooms boast wide verandas opening onto the patio. There's also a pool and Jacuzzi, media room, state-of-the-art fitness centre and two dining gazebos on the estate, which is surrounded by lush tropical gardens.

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Dibnah's digs from age of steam

FANS of the late flat-cap wearing steeplejack Fred Dibnah sometimes spend the night at his old quirky house – a shrine to the golden age of steam.

The three-bed property, which featured in numerous documentaries about him, has the Fred Dibnah Heritage Centre next door which includes an engine shed, workshops and a mine shaft – complete with winding gear. Its current owners run tours of the works and house, even offering overnight stays in a guest bedroom in their house for the real Dibnah enthusiasts.

The TV personality, who died in 2004 aged 66, started work as a joiner but fulfilled his dream of becoming a steeplejack to service the hundreds of chimneys that once crowded the skies of Bolton. Dibnah shot to fame after being profiled on a local news programme in 1979 where he was filmed hanging 240ft off the ground while repairing the town hall clock.

The father-of-six was a great admirer of the Industrial Revolution and the Victorians and in his last series – Fred



Dibnah's Age of Steam – he toured the country on his completed traction engine, visiting the workshops that still could produce the parts needed for his antique vehicle.

Dibnah's grade two-listed house looks like a single storey Victorian Gothic gatehouse from the front and was built around

1854. Extended in 1990 to create a traditional cottage feel with stone, tile and mock beams, feature fireplaces and a refurbished range, it's on the market for £450,000, while the Heritage Centre will set you back another £250,000.

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Secure home at a very high cost

WHILE a dog and a burglar alarm is enough for most of us, this ultra-swanky apartment block boasts panic rooms, bulletproof glass, and bowler-hatted guards trained by British Special Forces.

Slanted vertical slats on the windows stop outsiders from peering in and residents' mail is x-rayed before being delivered. And a cunning tunnel through to the neighbouring five-star Mandarin Oriental Hotel means you can get room service without venturing outside.

One Hyde Park is not only a notoriously secretive apartment block but also the world's most exclusive address and the most expensive residential development ever built. So what do you get for your money? A 21-metre ozone swimming pool, saunas and steam rooms, private exercise suites, treatment rooms,



gym, squash court and golf simulator. There's also an 18-seat private cinema and each apartment has its own private wine cave.

The building has become a symbol of luxury London property's 'buy to leave' culture and is infamous for being rarely lit up at night. Pakistan's prime minister and the president of Kazakhstan call it home and if you fancy joining them, there's a 4,000 sq ft, four-bedroom park-facing apartment on the market to rent for a staggering



£22,500 per week – that's £1.17million per year.

The third floor, fully furnished apartment has a large formal reception room with floor-to-ceiling sliding windows, large kitchen with marble breakfast bar, private dining room, and four en-suite bedrooms, one of which is being used as a media room. You can also use a staff entrance, and the apartment comes with a private underground parking space.

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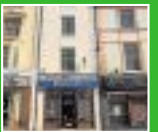
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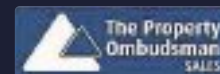


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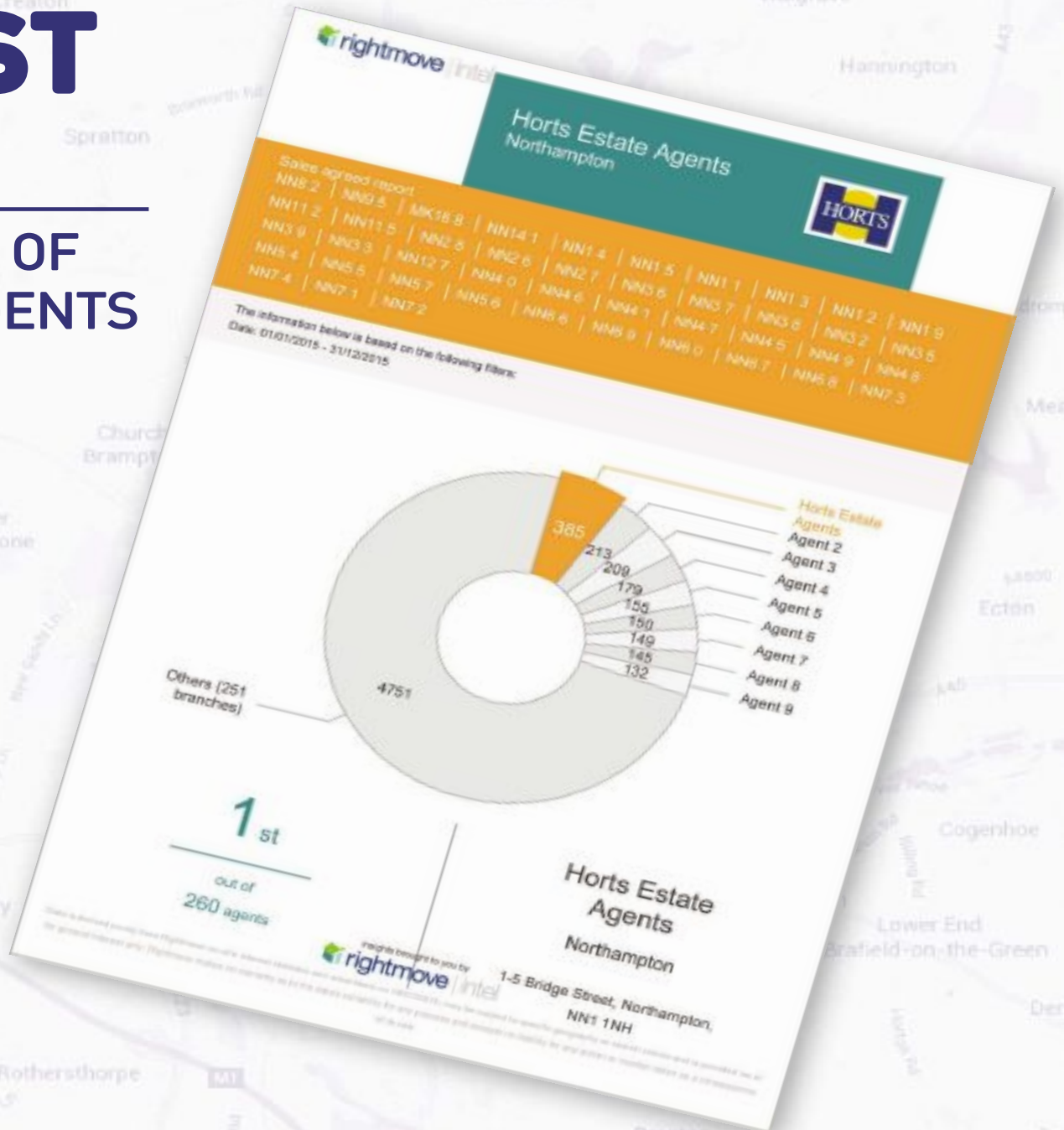
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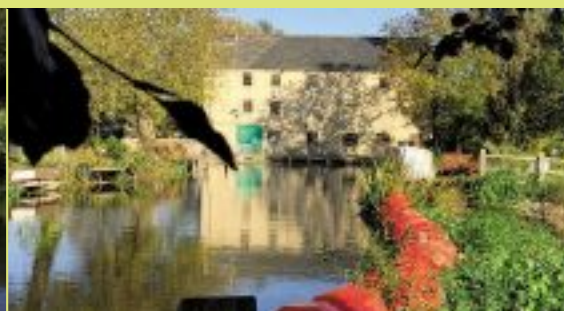
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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Playing out a story of thrilling Hornby twists

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Duston Players' latest production is a gritty thriller with more twists and turns than Silverstone Circuit.

In *Murdered, Presumed Dead*, ruthless business-woman Lynne discovers husband John in their country cottage entertaining Carol.

They fight, not for the first time, and John is killed – or is he?

With Carol's fingerprints on the murder weapon, and the help of shady private detective Ronnie to cover the crime up, Lynne thinks she's in the clear – but in classic thriller fashion there are a number of unexpected twists, and just when you think you know how it will all end...

It's the fourth time the group have staged a play by the late Ian Hornby, although this is the first since his untimely death in 2013, and a tribute is being made to him in the programme.

Mr Hornby often visited amateur groups performing his work and came to see the *Players* several times.

Murdered, Presumed Dead will be performed at Duston Community Centre in Pendle Road each evening at 7.45pm



from Wednesday, May 18 to Saturday, May 21.

Tickets are £8 or £30 for a group of four, and can be booked and paid for online at www.dustonplayers.org.uk

using PayPal, or you can order them from the box office by calling 07464 859017.

Due to the nature of the play, it is not suitable for younger children.



County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ Florence Foster Jenkins (pictured)
The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice.

Tomorrow-Wednesday

■ Eurovision 2016

Don your most over-the-top outfit and join Errol Flynn Filmhouse for a special night of sing-a-longs, dancing, themed snacks and more as it screens the Eurovision Song Contest live from Stockholm.

Saturday

■ The Ladykillers

Five diverse oddball criminal types plan-

ning a bank robbery rent rooms on a cul-de-sac from an octogenarian widow under the pretext that they are classical musicians.

Sunday

To book tickets call 01604 624811.

Lings Forum

■ Our Little Sister

Today

■ Midnight Special

A father and son go on the run, pursued by the government and a cult drawn to the child's special powers.

Tomorrow-Tuesday

■ The Huntsman: Winter War

Saturday and Sunday

■ Dheepan

Dheepan is a Sri Lankan Tamil warrior who flees to France and ends up working as a caretaker outside Paris.

Wednesday

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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Night of music's no imitation, it's The Real Thing

It is 40 years since The Real Thing first made their mark on the UK music scene with their number one hit *You To Me Are Everything*.

Four decades on they continue to perform all over the country and beyond, entertaining the fans who loved them way back when, and winning new ones from a younger generation.

And they will be doing just that when they stop off at Northampton's Deco Theatre on Saturday as part of their latest UK tour.

The Real Thing were formed in 1970 in Liverpool by Chris Amoo and Dave Smith, and were joined a couple of years later by

Chris' brother, Eddie. All three have been with the group throughout their amazing journey, supported by a top class band that travels with them.

Their other famous hits include *Can You Feel The Force*, *Raining In My Sunshine* and *Can't Get By Without You* – all songs that sold around the world, have made chart revivals as popular re-mixes over the years, and are still heard regularly at clubs, discos and parties.

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She's making a brand new start of it in NYC

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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AN iconic one-woman musical with a wonderful original score is set to transport the audience to the heady days of 1980s New York.

Starring Jodie Prenger, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic *Tell Me On A Sunday* comes to Northampton's Royal & Derngate on Friday, May 20 at 7.30pm.

It charts the romantic misadventures of a young English girl in New York in

the 80s. Brimming with optimism, she seeks success and love. But as she weaves her way through the maze of the city and her own anxieties, frustrations and heartaches she begins to wonder whether she's been looking for love in all the wrong places.

It features the chart-topping song, *Take That Look Off Your Face*, and the title track, *Tell Me On A Sunday*.

Miss Prenger is probably best known for winning the role of Nancy in Cameron Mackintosh's West End production of *Oliver!* through the BBC television series *I'd Do Anything*.

During her run in the show she received both critical and public acclaim.

Most recently she wowed audiences playing the title role in the national tour of the musical *Calamity Jane*.

Miss Prenger has also starred in the National Theatre's hit production of *One Man, Two Guvnors* in the West End and on tour as *Lady of the Lake* in Spamalot.

She is also a regular presenter on BBC Radio 2.

Tickets for *Tell Me On A Sunday* are priced £26 or £29 from the box office on 01604 624811 or by visiting www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

Band of brothers bring hits to the stage

Legends of Irish music The Fureys will be performing their hits when they take to the stage next weekend.

They were formed by chance in 1978 when the brothers who make up the group were touring in separate bands in Denmark and

Germany. A road traffic accident prompted the brothers to reunite in Germany where they decided they should be playing together.

And they will be doing just that when they perform at The Core at Corby Cube on Saturday, May 21 at 7.30pm.

The concert will feature hit songs such as *I Will Love You*, *When You Were Sweet 16*, *The Green Fields Of France*, *Red Rose Cafe*, *From Clare To Here* and more.

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Battlefield Bluegrass Festival at village hall

The Battlefield Bluegrass festival - which features traditional bluegrass music - rolls into The Village Hall in Newlands, Naseby. It features the talents of The Vanguards, The Down County Boys, The Old Grey Dogs, The New Essex Bluegrass Band, The Chadwell Hillbillies and The Morris Boys. Visit pete-thomas.co.uk/upcoming-gigs/ for more.

Mozart's Requiem at Holy Trinity Church in Rothwell

Performance of W A Mozart's Requiem by Northampton Philharmonic Choir with soloists and full orchestra. Starts at 7.30pm.

Cynthia Spencer Hospice Colour Run

Come and take part in the second annual Colour Run where having fun and getting messy is the aim. This 5km course at Castle Ashby Gardens will take you through five Colour Stations where you'll be showered in vibrant colours. Run, jog, walk or dance. You choose. Run starts at 10am. Adults cost £15, children £7.50. Call 01604 678160 for more.

SUNDAY

The Searchers in concert at Kettering Lighthouse

The Searchers' remarkable career continues. Enjoy classic hits such as Sweets For My Sweet, Needles and Pins and Don't Throw Your Love Away. Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £20.



When Pop Went Epic...

You might have thought the concept album disappeared the day the CD arrived on the scene.

But it is alive and well, and one of the latest to continue this legacy is the group Public Service Broadcasting.

In this BBC 4 documentary, the viewer learnt how the concept album began with Woody Guthrie and continued with Frank Sinatra, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, David Bowie, The Who and Yes.

It was interesting to see how the concept album developed, what it meant to each generation and how the artists or groups used it to get across a theme.

What the concept was varied and could just be a collection of songs which only worked when played in sequence on the album.

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Presented by Rick Wakeman, this documentary was a thoughtful reflection of how the concept album has changed people's lives and music.

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MOTORING NEWS

MG launches its first SUV

BY STEWART SMITH

MG has unveiled its all-new SUV, the MG GS, at the London Motor Show.

At an exclusive preview event at the Battersea Park show, Chinese-owned MG pulled back the cover on the GS to reveal the new addition to the UK model range. It is the first time that the 92-year-old brand, famous for its sports cars such as the TF and the MGB has had an SUV in its line up. MG also announced that the MG GS will come with the British manufacturer's first automatic transmission.

The SUV's top specification model will be available with the option of a seven speed DCT gearbox instead of the standard six speed manual transmission.

The GS will also come with a 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine and will be available in three different trim levels. The top range model revealed at the show included leather trim and a smart looking interior complete with a fold-down rear armrest and shiny kickplates. The instrumentation includes a central display screen and the car is also fitted with an electronic parking brake which sits behind the gear lever.

Space inside is more than adequate for a compact SUV, as is the



boot and the GS has enough presence to sit happily in the crossover market.

Matthew Cheyne, head of sales and marketing for MG, said: "When considering transmissions and engine choices, we listened to our customers and looked at market trends."

"It's not only a momentous occasion to unveil our first SUV, it is also a significant moment to announce our first automatic –

something many of our customers have been waiting for, and so we're thrilled to be offering it to them."

MG is assuring customers that when prices are announced next month, they will reflect the family pricing strategy.

Mr Cheyne added: "Regarding how much this fantastic new car will cost, it will be consistent with our other models. When we say our cars are affordable, we

mean it. The price structures are easy to understand and have no surprise additions."

"When we officially launch the GS next month, people will be able to find out more about the car's performance and when they can get behind the wheel of one."

Two cars currently come off the Longbridge assembly lines: the MG6 and the MG3 with several models planned for the immediate and longer-term future.

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COVERCAR



Nissan Pulsar

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BY JON SMITH

Remember the Nissan Almera? No, not many people do.

Well, it was a perfectly acceptable - if rather dull - family hatchback and it didn't quite catch the public's eye.

It's been gone a full decade now and since then Nissan has had a runaway success with the Qashqai crossover.

But not everyone needs or wants an SUV lookalike or a people carrier and there's living proof the hatchback sector is alive and kicking. . . witness the success of the Focus, Golf and Astra.

So Nissan two years ago made a bold return to the fold with the five-door Pulsar which uses the same engines and much of the running gear as the Qashqai.

Two petrol versions are available - a 1.2-litre 113bhp economy model and a 1.6-litre 188bhp, sporty model.

Then there's the 1.5-litre turbo diesel which with 108bhp and a useful amount of torque is the car to appeal to families and fleet users alike for its zero road tax and high economy.

It was this model, in top line Tekna trim, that I drove. Even the entry version gets five-inch

colour screen, cruise control and air con. By the time you are up to Tekna level the compact, but rather upright standing Pulsar has such treats as heated mirrors, leather upholstery, heated front seats, surround camera system and lane departure warning.

Deceptively roomy within the cabin, the Pulsar is well finished with high quality trim, an attractive but practical fascia and plenty of family-friendly storage places.

If you are expecting a comfortable car but not a sporty one, then you will be quite happy. While it scores well in terms of refinement and ride standard, even over undulating or pock-marked roads, it doesn't break new ground in athleticism or dynamics and the steering is a tad too light to be communicative.

The six-speed gearbox is reasonably light but the change has a long-throw action. Gear ratios are relatively high which benefits quiet, relaxed cruising but means inclines may force you to change down earlier than normal.

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Silver, MOT January 2017,
72,077 miles, C/L P/S E/F/W
A/C Service History, excellent
car.....**£2195**



03 Suzuki Alto GL Automatic, 1061 CC, In Black, 32,646 miles,
Service History x 8 Stamps, Ideal
First Car, Clean car...**£1,295**



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In Silver, MOT April 2017, C/L
P/S A/C E/F/W E/M Very Clean
Car.....**£1895**

Automatic Selection

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12 Months MOT C/L P/S A/C Cruise Control,
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Silver, MOT April 2017, C/L P/S A/C E/F/W E/M
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04 Fiat Punto Dynamique, 1200cc, Automatic,
57,480 Miles, MOT April 2017, C/L P/S E/F/W
E/M Drives Lovely and a very clean Car .**£1195**

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Black, 32,646 miles, Service History x 8 Stamps,
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Executive, 1800cc, Automatic, In Silver, Long
MOT, Excellent Car**£1695**

51 Vauxhall Vectra 1.8 Ls Automatic, In Blue,
MOT April 2017, Service History, C/L P/S E/F/W
Clean Car for year**£995**

01 Honda Civic 1.4 SE, Automatic, Personal
Plate, 1 Owner From New, 70,298 miles E/W
E/M A/C E/S/Roof, S/History, 12 Months MOT,
Very Clean**£1895**

Petrol Selection

08 Ford Focus 1.6 Style, In Silver, 12 months
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service History, very Clean car**£2595**

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January 2017, 72,077 miles, C/L P/S E/F/W A/C
Service History, excellent car**£2195**

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March 2017, C/L P/S E/F/W A/W E/M A/C Some
History Excellent Car**£1595**

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E/F/W A/W E/M A/C Some
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Motoring News

SsangYong launches sales initiative

KOREAN brand SsangYong is upping the ante on its sales momentum by introducing a zero percent interest offer on selected models across its range. Rated as the second fastest growing car company in the UK, the manufacturer has nominated models from its SUV, pick-up, MPV and 4x4 line-up for the new initiative. It means the Tivoli SE is available from £108 per month, the Korando SE from £133, Turismo SE seven-seater from £158, Rexton SE from £192 and the Korando Sports SX pick-up from £125 per month. SsangYong Motor UK chief Paul Williams said:

"Already known for their great value proposition, we have just made our cars even more tempting to new car buyers. "Korean built and comprehensively equipped, at prices and with a warranty no other brand can match, we are confident that with highly tempting offers like this you will be seeing many more SsangYong cars on the road this summer." The 0% finance programme, which is being administered by SsangYong's finance provider GMAC, offers purchasers realistic deposits and competitive monthly payments. All models in the SsangYong range are manufactured in South Korea and covered by a five-year limitless mileage warranty



Bentley's new Apple app takes control

ANYONE owning a new £160,000 Bentley Bentayga luxury SUV has a new gizmo to play with if they also have an Apple Watch. A new app is available which enables passengers to control in-car systems from their smart watches. The Seats, entertainment selection and climate control in the Bentayga can all be adjusted remotely. The technology, which uses bespoke digital architecture, enables those being driven in the Bentayga to remotely control the on-board climate and entertainment systems, adjust the heating, ventilation and massage functions of their seats and monitor real-time information, such as vehicle speed, distance travelled and outside temperature. Using the Bentayga's Bluetooth connectivity, Apple Watch wearers simply synchronise with the vehicle's Touch Screen Remote system and then interact with the car from the



convenience of their wrist. Dan Whittaker, director of electrical and electronics at Bentley, said: "The Bentayga is technologically advanced and combines this with luxury in a way only Bentley can achieve. "This new Apple Watch connectivity is another example of how we are constantly innovating in order to enhance the customer experience."

ENGINE BOOST FOR SKODA YETI



SKODA is expanding its Yeti Monte Carlo range with the addition of two new engines, a diesel and petrol. Following its introduction to the Yeti line-up last year, the sporty Monte Carlo model has proved popular with buyers – prompting Skoda to offer an even broader and more affordable range for 2016. Originally available with a 2.0 TDI 150bhp diesel, the Yeti Monte Carlo now features a 1.2 TSI

110bhp petrol and 2.0 TDI 110bhp diesel – with the petrol-powered model offered with an optional seven-speed DSG gearbox. The arrival of the two new engine options has the added advantage of making the Yeti Monte Carlo an even more affordable proposition, with the 1.2 TSI model starting at £19,700. Adding the DSG automatic gearbox increases the price to £20,800, while the new 2.0 TDI comes in at £21,045. All three new models are front-wheel drive and come with good specification lists and a striking design package. This consists of 17-inch Origami alloy wheels finished in gloss black, Bi-Xenon headlamps with cornering function and dynamic angle control, black roof and door mirrors and black spoilers at the front and rear. In addition, all versions feature a black front grille, Monte Carlo badging and LED rear lights. Inside, standard equipment includes a three-spoke Supersport leather multifunction steering wheel, sports seats with Monte Carlo upholstery and Monte Carlo floor mats, instrument cluster and door sill trims.



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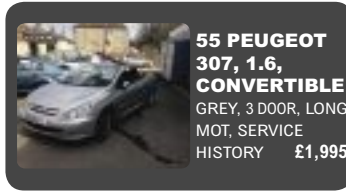
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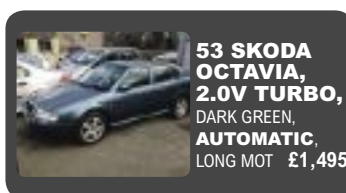
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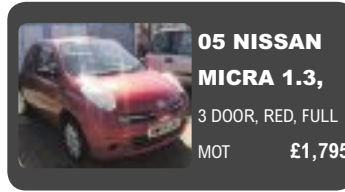
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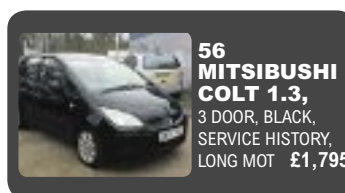
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SKODA is to play a leading role at Motability Scheme's 'The Big Event' at EventCity in Manchester later this month. The extravaganza, from May 13-14, is the largest of its kind and will showcase an extensive display of vehicles - including the Skoda Superb, Octavia, Fabia and Yeti models. Skoda Motability offers start at £47.20 weekly rental for the entry-level Citigo, with no advance payment required. John French, Head of Sales for Skoda UK, said: "The Big Event in Manchester is a great opportunity for us to showcase the outstanding and affordable range of models we offer through the Motability Scheme."

More info from www.motability.co.uk/thebigevent

CIVIC TYPE R IN HILL CLIMB TRIUMPH



THE fiery Honda Civic Type R has set a new class record and become the first standard production car to score points in the 69-year history of the Avon Tyres/TTC Group MSA British Hillclimb Championship. Scottish journalist David Finlay piloted the Civic Type R to success, shaving over a second off the old class record and in the process creating motorsport history.

Claiming five points, the Type R came ninth overall and completed the 0.83 mile course in 54.69 seconds, over a second faster than the previous record. Craigtanet Hillclimb is a speed event organised by the Ulster Automobile Club which was first held in 1913 and is the only venue in Northern Ireland to host a round of the British Hillclimb Championship. Billed as a 'race car for the road', the Civic Type R is powered by the most extreme and high-performing Type R engine ever built - a turbocharged 2.0 litre petrol engine delivering 310PS.

AMAROK PUMPS UP THE PICK-UP POWER

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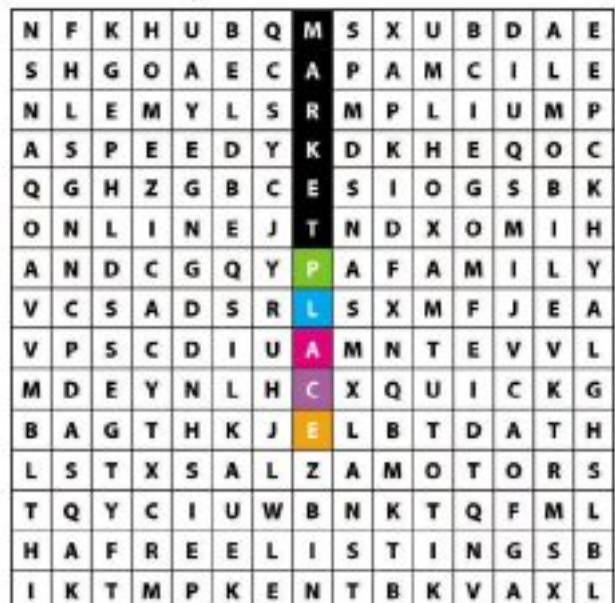
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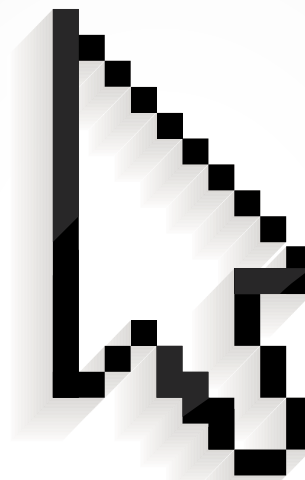
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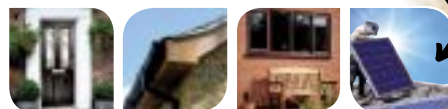
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NOTICE OF MAKING PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 25
(LAND IN THE PARISH OF GRANGE PARK
(ZONE C) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE)

PUBLIC FOOTPATH LF4 CREATION AGREEMENT
The Agreement, made on the 22nd day of April 2016 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has the effect of creating the Public Footpath described in the Schedule below.
A copy of the Agreement and the Plan has been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Office of the Director of Law and Governance, LGSS Law Ltd, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7YD between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Agreement and the Plan may be purchased from the offices of the Director of Law and Governance, LGSS Law Ltd, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7YD at the price of £5.00 (plus VAT).
Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980 there is no right of objection and the Agreement has taken effect.

SCHEDULE

Description of new Public Footpath LF4

The route of LF4 to be created commences at point A on the Plan at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP7572 5516. The route travels generally south west for approximately 247 metres to point B at NGR SP7569 5492.

The route is shown on the Plan by a broken black line between points A - B and will be 1.8 metres in width.

Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of Law and Governance,
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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

IN BANKRUPTCY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURT

NO 27 of 1996 RE: TREVOR RICHARD PRICE
A Plumber at the time of bankruptcy order date 23/1/1996, residing at 46 Middlemore, Southfields, Northampton; lately residing at 51 Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingstone. NOTICE OF FINAL INTENDED DIVIDEND.

D.O.B: 3 January 1937
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHELVESTON ROAD, RAUNDS)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Chelveston Road, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chelveston Road, Raunds from Stanwick Road, Raunds to Chelveston Road, Stanwick.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 3rd June 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Raunds Road, High Street, The Green, Kimbolton Road, Church Road, Church Street, Raunds Road, Hargrave Road, Midland Road, High Street, Brook Street, Grove Street and Wellington Street.

Dated this 12th day of May 2016

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Director of LGSS Law

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(IRTHLINGBOROUGH ROAD, WELLINGBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Irlthlingborough Road, Wellingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Irlthlingborough Road, Wellingborough from Sidegate Lane for a distance of 2.3 km south west.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during replacement of telegraph pole.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th June 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Sidegate Lane, Wellingborough Road, Finedon Road, Eastfield Road, Elsdon Road, Midland Road and Senwick Road.

Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/203

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SANDILAND ROAD, BROOKLAND ROAD & LINDSAY TERRACE, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Sandiland Road, Brookland Road and Lindsay Terrace, Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for one day per road.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
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SCHEDULE

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route	Date
Sandiland Road	Broadway East to Fillingdale Road	Use Broadway East and Fillingdale Road	23/05/2016
Brookland Road	Kettering Road to The Drive	Use Kettering Road, Oakwood Road and The Drive	27/05/2016
Lindsay Terrace	Lindsay Avenue to Addison Road	Use Broadmead Avenue, Beech Avenue and Lindsay Avenue	31/05/2106

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PILGRIMS LANE, BUGBROOKE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Pilgrims Lane, Bugbrooke as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Pilgrims Lane, Bugbrooke from High Street to Meadow.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th June 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street, Kislingbury Road, John Street, Oaklands and Meadow.
Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/152

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ST MICHAELS MOUNT, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of St Michaels Mount, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of St Michaels Mount, Northampton from Perry Street and St Michaels Mount.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to carriageway and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th June 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Perry Street, Magee Street and Turner Street.
Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
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PKG/T16/185

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HARESMOOR DRIVE, TOWCESTER)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Haresmoor Drive, Towcester as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length Haresmoor Drive, Towcester from St Lawrence Road south to Bickerstaffes Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th June 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Bickerstaffes Road, Swinnyford Road, Buckingham Road and St Lawrence Road South.
Dated this 12th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
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PKG/T16/153

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BARRACK
ROAD, NORTHAMPTON) (SOUTHBOUND ONLY)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Barrack Road, Northampton (southbound only) as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length Barrack Road, Northampton (southbound only) from Lorne Road to Campbell Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway subsidence repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Burleigh Road, St Andrews Road and Graton Street.
Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/198

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MARSTON HILL, MARSTON ST LAWRENCE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Marston Hill, Marston St Lawrence as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Marston Hill, Marston St Lawrence from the junction of Welsh Road to The Green.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Marston Hill, Sulgrave Road and Welsh Road.
Dated this 12th day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WINCHESTER ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Winchester Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Winchester Road, Northampton from Friars Avenue to Parkfield Avenue.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Friars Avenue, Parkfield Avenue, Gloucester Avenue and London Road.
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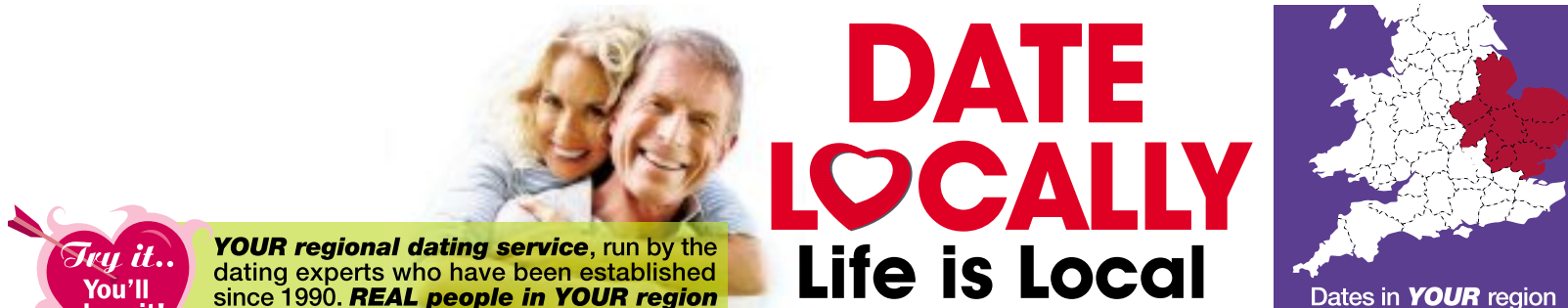
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Harrison is named Player of the Month



STAR: Teimana Harrison has been in great form

SAINTS

The accolades for Northampton Saints' back rower Teimana Harrison just keep on coming after he was named the Aviva Premiership Player of the Month for April.

Harrison has had a breakthrough season that has surprised even the man himself and his stunning form has led to growing calls that the eligible New Zealand-born 23-year-old should be included in England's squad for their summer tour of Australia.

During April, Harrison scored tries against Leicester Tigers and Bath playing from number 8, as Saints recovered from missing out on the play-offs by securing a place in next season's Champions Cup.

He beat Wasps winger Christian Wade, who scored a Premiership record-equalling six tries in one match against Worcester last month, and Leicester Tigers hooker Harry Thacker, to the award.

Harrison also cleaned up at Northampton's end-of-season awards on Monday night as he scooped the prize for Players' Player of the Year, as well as Supporters' Player of the Year and Breakthrough Player of the Season.

Six Saints earn calls into England squad



INTERNATIONAL RECALL: Centre Luther Burrell

RUGBY UNION

Teimana Harrison was one of eight uncapped players and six from Northampton Saints to be called into an England training squad that will attend a three-day camp in Brighton next week.

Harrison's superb form with the Saints has been rewarded by England head coach Eddie Jones, who has named fellow forwards Dylan Hartley, Kieran Brookes, Paul Hill and Courtney Lawes in the 26-man squad.

Centre Luther Burrell, who didn't feature for the Red Rose in this year's Six Nations, makes up the sextet of Northampton players as he looks to force his way back into the reckoning.

Players from the Premiership clubs involved in the play-offs and European Challenge Cup finalists Harlequins have not been included for the camp, which takes place from May 17-19.



GOODBYE FROM HIM: Kahn Fotuali'i made 80 appearances and scored nine tries in three seasons with Northampton Saints after signing from Ospreys

Fond farewell for Fotuali'i as Bath move draws near

SAINTS

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Kahn Fotuali'i played his final game for Northampton Saints against Gloucester last Saturday and the Samoan scrum-half admitted it was an emotional experience.

The 33-year-old will leave Franklin's Gardens after three seasons once his contract expires and will be moving to Premiership rivals Bath, as was revealed by their director of rugby Mike Ford on Monday.

Fotuali'i played for the final 17 minutes after replacing captain Lee Dickson in the 28-20 victory at Kingsholm last weekend that confirmed Saints' place in next season's Champions Cup.

It means that he will leave with the club in a healthy position, even though his final campaign at Northampton didn't go to plan,

with them finishing outside the play-off places for the first time since 2008/09.

Fotuali'i said: "Throughout the week my partner asked me, because I'd been a bit grumpy all week, and I told her it was because it was the last game of the season with the Saints.

"I couldn't really put a finger on it – I'd just been grumpy all week for some reason. I guess I was a little bit emotional.

"Now that I've had time to just sit back and have a beer or two with the boys, it is a bit emotional, but it's something that's exciting for myself and my family moving forward in the future.

"I've got a nice challenge in front of me – pretty exciting for myself, as a rugby player, and I'm looking forward to it."

Fotuali'i will be replaced in Saints' squad by Stormers scrum-half Nic Groom next season after making 80 appearances for them since signing from the Ospreys in

2013, scoring nine tries. Undoubtedly, the highlight of his time at the club came when Northampton won their first-ever Premiership title in his first campaign at the Gardens in 2013/14 and he started in their 24-20 play-off final victory over Saracens at Twickenham.

Fotuali'i brushed aside suggestions his arrival helped lift them to that level, saying: "I don't think I did that at all – I think it was down to the players who might have learned from previous times.

"The best thing about rugby is you're always learning week in week out. Not matter how many times you play rugby or however many years you've played, it's good to learn from your previous games.

"I'm just glad I was part of it and I'm very honoured to have been part of a great club. I've enjoyed my time here."

Fotuali'i wasn't the only experienced head making his farewell

appearance for Northampton at Gloucester, as Victor Matfield also bowed out after stepping from the bench.

It looks likely to be the final game of a glittering career for the South African, who celebrated his 39th birthday yesterday.

The legendary lock won a record 123 caps with the Springboks, who he helped win the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

On the departing duo, Saints director of rugby Jim Mallinder said: "Victor's been fantastic for us. He didn't come here to play 80 minutes for 32 games this season.

"We knew he'd be part of the squad and we're pleased that he's helped us, particularly over the last few weeks. He's played a massive part in our success.

"Kahn has been part of some really good times, winning trophies, and you can't really ask for any more. He puts his body on the line, not just in training but every single week and we'll miss him."

'We had too many lapses' says Wood

Tom Wood believes Northampton Saints' fifth-place finish in the Premiership was a fair reflection of how they have performed at the end of what was a frustrating campaign.

Saints won their last two games to ensure they will be in next year's Champions Cup, but their inconsistent form during the

season meant that they didn't qualify for the play-offs.

Losing at Worcester and London Irish in the first few months proved to be particularly costly for them and they'll now have to sit back and watch others play for major honours in the next few weeks.

Wood said: "I think where we are

is a fair reflection of what we've done this season.

"Credit goes to Saracens and Exeter, who have been the stand-outs all year. Wasps have really shown some form this season and grown as a team and Leicester have peaked at the back-end of the season as they always do.

"I think we've had too many

lapses in concentration over the course of the season to call ourselves championship contenders.

"That's why we've got to go back to the drawing board a little bit, freshen things up and make sure we hit the ground running next year. That slow start really put the pressure on everybody and pressure on the coaches."

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Briggs misses out in the final of National League



DEAD RUBBER: Briggs' match wasn't played

BADMINTON

Peter Briggs was denied the chance of winning the AJ Bell National Badminton League title for his Loughborough Sport team on Sunday, but admitted he has still relished the opportunity to play in front of the Sky Sports cameras on a regular basis.

Former Northampton High School pupil Briggs and his men's doubles partner Harley Towler looked set to compete in the title-deciding contest in the AJ Bell NBL Final at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.

But Loughborough Sport lost two consecutive tie-breaks in the previous matches which allowed Birmingham Lions to win the AJ Bell NBL title 3-1, meaning Briggs and Towler's fifth and final event against Gary Fox and Koen Ridder did not need to be played.

Briggs and Towler had earlier in the day helped Loughborough Sport beat reigning champions Team Derby 3-2 to reach the final by dispatching dangerous men's doubles pairing Andy Ellis and Chris Coles.

Briggs insisted he has loved playing in front of the crowds and TV cameras. "Everything builds up in the NBL," he said. "The first year was really interesting and everyone really enjoyed the new format and it was strange having to get used to playing on Sky Sports, so it's been a really good opportunity and experience for everyone."

"This year it has grown massively and it's really coming into its own stride."

"More teams are being brought in this year so there'll be more matches, and hopefully it's going to take off. That's the dream for the whole of badminton."

Cobblers boss pays tribute to 'a special set of players'

FOOTBALL

BY JAMES AVERILL
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It could well be his last match in charge, but Cobblers boss Chris Wilder - a man who has overseen the best season from a Northampton side in a generation - must have been positively beaming after watching his side end their campaign with a 2-1 win away at Portsmouth last Saturday.

Not only was it yet another superbly professional performance from a side who wrapped up being Champions nearly a month ago, it also saw them equal the club record points tally for 99 in a season.

The last manager to achieve that feat was Graham Carr in 1987, who helped hand over the League Two trophy to this side last week at Sixfields.

And no doubt this title-winning side wanted to end in a flourish in front of nearly 3,000 Cobblers fans in the away end. It was a spirit the Town boss paid tribute to after their 29th and final win in League Two this season.

"To come and get 99 points and today epitomises where we're at," said Wilder post-match.

"We got in front, they get a screaming goal but we get another three points."

"This group at various times throughout this season could have taken their foot off the gas, whether it was not getting paid or the issue with the East Stand and then going into the takeover."

"Then going into the last six or eight weeks knowing we're up - these players could have downed tools and got on the beach. They haven't been, they want to win. I have got nothing but utmost respect for a special set of players."

Those players ensured one final



FINAL FLOURISH: Northampton Town's players pile on James Collins after his winner at Portsmouth last weekend

win to end a seven-year spell in League Two. Jack Whatmough kicked things off by steering into his own net from Nicky Adams' cross, before Kieron Freeman was sent off just seconds into the second half for a two-footed lunge.

It actually spurred the hosts on as Kal Naismith hammered home from more than 30 yards just after the sending off, but a late flick from substitute James Collins sealed the win.

It was also another away win for this special side, and it's worth bearing in mind they lost a paltry two games away from home this season, with the second of those coming at Cambridge United way

back in October. We've lost two away games all season and that's phenomenal," said Wilder. "We've been on the road and been tough and aggressive and organised."

"To beat the quality of teams we've beat on their own patch - whether it's Oxford, Wycombe, Portsmouth or Plymouth - we've got results in different ways."

"And to keep going, we just kept rolling out training session and performances."

"We've not had a day off this season, we've turned up in every game and that's a special quality from all of them."

Although naturally fans and members of the media immediate-

ly turn their eyes to what could happen next season, Wilder was keen to bask in the achievements wrapped up this year.

From being on the brink of going out of business and staff going unpaid to romping to the title. It's not an orthodox route taken by most title-winning teams, and the Town boss was eager to pay tribute to the staff that have helped him along the way.

Wilder said: "I missed a trick at the Football League awards when I should have mentioned the staff that went unpaid for three months. They didn't walk away because it's their club and they didn't want it to die."

Wet weather disrupts Northants again at Grace Road



IN NEGOTIATION: Northants are trying to get the loan spell of batsman Jake Libby extended

CRICKET

David Ripley described Northamptonshire's performances in the County Championship this season as stop start, as the encounter with Leicestershire was drawn after only seven overs were possible in the final two days at Grace Road.

After a total wash out on Tuesday, it took until 4:30pm on the final day for play to begin, Leicestershire declaring their second innings with a lead of 313 to attempt to bowl Northants out in the remaining 24 overs.

Ben Duckett was bowled off the third ball of the innings, but just seven overs were possible before bad light saw the teams shake hands with Northants 30-1.

Ripley admitted a poor opening day with the ball had put his side on the back foot, as

Leicestershire reached 311-5 before a hectic second day saw 21 wickets fall. The hosts bowled out for 332 before Northants lost their last six wickets for 25 to be dismissed for 151.

Northants' campaign has been beset by wet weather so far, and Ripley believes the stop-start nature of the games has impacted on his side's consistency.

"It has been very stop start and I think some of that has been reflected in how we've played, we've been a bit stop start ourselves in our performances," he said. "We weren't good here on the first day, but what we've done since the first day I was very pleased, we came back from that on day two, taking 11 wickets for about 150 runs."

"If you take out the 60 extras, those things hurt you, we talked about it in the winter as it's a problem we had last year. We're not

happy about how it's going and the only thing we can do is keep working hard to try and get it better."

"Given a better start on day one the game could have done differently for us but the rain has probably helped us as knocking off 300 on a last day pitch wasn't going to be easy. We were disappointed with 150 [in the first innings], we imploded a bit and lost some cheap wickets."

The match also saw the conclusion of Jake Libby's loan spell from Nottinghamshire, but Ripley confirmed he will hold talks over an extension.

"This is formally his last fixture so I'll be speaking to Mick Newell to see what plans they've got, if Alex Hales is selected for England it might be that Jake gets an opportunity at Notts."



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SHOE LEGION: Almost 3,000 Cobblers fans pack out the away end at Fratton Park

Northampton Town season in numbers



10 ■ The club record run of consecutive league victories, up until the 2-1 win at York City



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Wilder speculation casts a shadow over celebrations

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

BY TOM REED

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'Twenty-four, 24 undefeated' was chanted endlessly by Town fans at Portsmouth as Northampton capped a momentous season with another victory on Saturday.

However, Cobblers fans had only just got rid of their weekend hangovers from a boozy open top bus parade when Chris Wilder was given permission to speak to Charlton Athletic over their vacant manager position.

Nothing will be allowed to ruin a once-in-a-generation campaign but there have been eyebrows raised in Northampton over Chris Wilder talking to Charlton, a club whose fans are at war with the owner Roland Duchatelet.

Why would a 'football man' even think about joining a side whose fans are boycotting over the Belgian Roland Duchatelet's model of owning several clubs?

Answers on a postcard as Wilder has form for adventurous moves as he left a stable Oxford side

to join Northampton at a time of trouble for the Cobblers.

In the end the move fell through with Wilder and Charlton 'unable to reach an agreement'. Many saw it as sanity prevailing but then the Cobblers announced on social media that they 'understand there is further interest in Chris and Alan' (Knill) but 'had no official approach at this point'.

The rumour mill then went into overdrive in Northampton and Sheffield that Wilder's hometown club Sheffield United were to swoop for the Cobblers manager. This would be the destination that no Town fan would begrudge Wilder given the Cobblers gaffer is a Blades fan and lives in that neck of the woods.

At the time of writing, no move has gone through and Utd boss Nigel Adkins is still in position. Any job at a high pressure club will be a difficult ask for Wilder, who has never managed in League One. Indeed, Cobblers have shown that you can't buy the sort of team and community spirit that has emanated out of Northampton this season. The 2-1 win at Portsmouth stretched Town's unbeaten run to 24 games after a match

where Northampton dominated their wealthier and larger hosts.

The worry for the Shoe Army is that Wilder will take Northampton's best players with him should he leave and a Town side shorn of Adam Smith, John-Joe O'Toole and Ricky Holmes, for instance, would be an altogether different beast from the title winning eleven.

Yet, at least we'll know that chairman Kelvin Thomas will fight for ample compensation for any potentially departing player, something that never worked out under previous owners.

Northampton fans feel protective over their gaffer and warning Wilder off Charlton was the same as warning your friend off a drunken love interest because they don't look so great when the lights come on.

As always, no man is bigger than the club. The thousands of Cobblers supporters who lined the streets of the town on Sunday showed the collective spirit of Northampton Town.

'Big City lights don't bother me'. Chris Wilder should think of the iconic words to the Shoe Army chant before he makes any decision on his future.

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Wilder stays put, for now

FOOTBALL

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Chris Wilder was still the manager of Northampton Town last night after the latest twist in the club's fairy-tale season.

The boss, who led his team to the League Two title, looked certain to become the manager of Charlton Athletic after the club approached the Cobblers on Monday.

Chairman Kelvin Thomas had 'regrettably' given Wilder permission to talk to them, stating that the Cobblers 'would not be able to match both the salary and the playing budget for next season that a club the size of Charlton could offer'.

He later told the Northants Herald and Post that he was almost certain that Wilder - along with his assistant Alan Knill - would be off to The Valley, saying he would be 'surprised if he did not take the deal'.

But in a shock u-turn yesterday, Wilder did exactly that, after talks between him and the owners of Charlton collapsed - meaning he will no longer be joining the club which will face Northampton next season after being relegated from the Championship.

In a statement yesterday lunchtime, Charlton said: "We can confirm that following discussions with Northampton Town manager Chris Wilder and his assistant Alan Knill over the vacant managerial role at The Valley, the club has been unable to reach an agreement."

"The club will now continue its search for a candidate to take the club forward. Any further announcements will be made in due course."

It is believed that, although Wilder really wanted the job - despite Charlton having shuffled through five managers in the past two-and-a-half-years - that the under-fire Addicks' owner had refused to provide the assurances over control and buying in writing.

Shortly after the announcement that talks had collapsed, the Cobblers' chairman - who had originally requested any deal should be done quickly so that he could start his search for a new manager - released his own statement.

But rather than delivering the Cobblers fans some hope that Wilder would be staying at Sixfields next season, he revealed that other clubs had expressed an interest in the manager's services.

"We understand there is further interest in Chris and Alan, however we have had no official approach at this point but I will be sitting down with Chris to discuss further," Mr Thomas said.

"As we said on Monday and in the best interests of the club, we are keen for this matter to be brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible."

Since the collapse in talks, rumours have circulated that Sheffield United - of which Wilder is a life-long supporter - have stepped into the mix.

Any approaches by the Blades - currently managed by Nigel Adkins - would likely result in Wilder heading north, especially given his statement on the day Charlton approached Northampton.

"My relationship with the Chairman and the fans is going to make this a very difficult decision," he had said, "but I do feel at this stage of my career it is one I need to explore."



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a season in the sun



the ability to talk the room into the palm of his hands, he's clearly a shrewd operator.

He's often the first name that comes to the fore of people who saved the club - and rightly so.

But equally so are people like chief executive James Whiting and media manager Gareth Willsher. Both are familiar names to Cobblers fans, primarily because they too are supporters who now work for the club.

When David Cardoza went missing in action these were two of the people who suddenly had to shoulder the burden of running a football club playing with the livelihoods of its staff.

It was they who had to face the fans after a public meeting was called by the Trust to discuss the

issues engulfing the club. Both will have more than earned their summer breaks - they have earned the gratitude of fans.

The actions of those fans should not be underestimated either. The Supporters' Trust raised money under no illusions it could have been to start a phoenix club - and kept the club's troubles high profile in the national media.

Volunteers gave up hours of their time to do everything they could to ensure they still had a club to support, paid for a team coach away to Crawley and loaned £10,000 to help out staff who were struggling to pay the bills.

Then there's Sixfields Travel Club, who treated the staff to a meal out - a gesture which will

have meant everything to staff and serve as a reminder that every fan was on their side.

Those supporters, equally as much as the players and staff, deserved the wild scenes of celebration in Northampton Market Square on Sunday.

In any season the team's exploits on the pitch would have been headline news, after all it's only the fourth league title they have won in their 119-year history.

For them to do so on the back of such troubles makes this unquestionably the most memorable season in history, even ahead of the First Division side of 1966 - aptly remembered as a 'Season in the Sun'.

That side reunited and managed to see the class of 2015/16

promoted at Sixfields against Bristol Rovers back in April.

A week later and the title was wrapped up at Exeter, before final day celebrations away at Portsmouth were complemented by thousands of fans descending on the town centre to cheer on their heroes on an open-top bus.

The sun was shining brightly on all occasions, a sign perhaps that this club was overdue some bright days like the 60s, instead of the glum moments of autumn.

It's been a privilege to report on this club in 2015/16.

And knowing the Cobblers as we all do, next season is sure to be another rollercoaster ride.

Let's just hope the sun continues shining on them that little bit longer.

John-Joe O'Toole Midfield

One of the stories of an incredible season. This time last year, O'Toole was put on the transfer list after an uninspiring first campaign at Northampton.

He scored the winner on the opening day of the season at Bristol Rovers, but he didn't start again until the end of September, when he grabbed the equaliser at AFC Wimbledon.

From that point onwards he never looked back, becoming the heartbeat of the Cobblers' midfield, keeping everything ticking over while scoring a dozen goals during a sensational year.

Ricky Holmes Midfield

Cobblers fans were concerned when their favourite was ruled out for three months with a back injury not long after the start of the season.

While Town went well without him, the return of Holmes in December took them to another level. He truly was one of the outstanding players in League Two and was a joy to watch most of the time.

He even found time to run his own Goal of the Season competition, with plenty of his 11 goals of the spectacular variety. His half-volley at Leyton Orient was his favourite, what was yours?

Marc Richards Striker

Northampton weren't as reliant on him as they were in the previous campaign, but the captain still had a big influence in leading from the front, particularly in the first half of the season.

Richards made the most of the excellent service he was provided with from the flanks and also grabbed the deciding goals in the crucial wins at Plymouth and Oxford United.

He surely would have added plenty more to his tally of 18 goals had an Achilles injury not robbed him of the last two-and-a-half months of his season.



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The games that decided title

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Coventry City away: Saturday, November 7, 2015. Won 2-1

The story of the Cobblers' early season was, of course, the perilous financial crisis and the subsequent 'Save The Cobblers' campaign from the Northampton fans. The match at Coventry City in the FA Cup round one epitomised solidarity between fans as the Sky Blue Trust helped the NTFC Trust collect money in buckets before the match. Just a day before, the Guardian newspaper had run a story titled 'The scandal of missing millions from council's stadium loan' bringing home the severity of Town's situation. Goals from Zander Diamond and Marc Richards secured a win for the Cobblers who showed a real grit in securing the win and also no little technique.

Notts County away: Saturday, November 21, 2015. Won 2-1

'For once we can start talking about football' said BBC Northampton's Joe Townsend in his post-match interview with manager Chris Wilder after the hard fought win at Meadow Lane. 'Not for long though' came Wilder's reply in a now famous rant

LAST MINUTE JOY: Away end at Stevenage



over chairman David Cardoza stalling on a deal to sell the club to Kelvin Thomas' consortium with the staff not being paid. 'This is the best deal' pleaded Wilder hardly taking a breath 'what's happened is an absolute shambles' laying out both his passion and ambition for the club. The moment Wilder wrote himself into legend at Northampton Town.

Luton Town away: Saturday, December 12, 2015. Won 4-3

With Kelvin Thomas' takeover of the club completed Northampton travelled to Kenilworth Road, a place of limited success in the past.

Cobblers won a thrilling game 4-3 in front of rapturous Shoe Army away

support. The highlights were a sublimely worked free-kick finished clinically by John-Joe O'Toole and Ricky Holmes' humdinger of a left foot winner, moments after coming on. Cobblers hit top of the league and the Northampton fans partied late into the night. Despite everything, this team were going places.

Oxford United away: Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Won 1-0

A real test for Northampton and a chance to do the double over a team considered one of the best in the division. Cobblers showed plenty of composure under lights to see off Michael Appleton's title contenders and announce themselves as champions elect. Marc Richards' penalty

was enough to secure victory in front of a loud and boisterous travelling Town support. The argument over who was the best team between these two sides was firmly put to bed.

Oxford failed to score against the Cobblers this season despite Appleton's later ill-judged comments about his side being superior.

Stevenage away: Saturday, March 19, 2016. Won 3-2

Not every win was plain sailing for the Cobblers this term and the victory at Stevenage was about determination as much as anything.

Northampton fell 2-0 down after half an hour but fought back via goals from James Collins and John-Joe O'Toole. No-one thought that Town

would claim the winner but they hadn't banked on Ricky Holmes, the standout player for Northampton, scoring yet another class, late, long distance strike.

The mini marvel meandered across the Stevenage box before sending an unstoppable bullet shot into the bottom corner. Cue pandemonium and a mini pitch invasion.

Luton Town home: Saturday, April 30, 2016. Won 2-0

A truly emotional day as Northampton are crowned Champions of League 2 at Sixfields.

There are seats in the East Stand showing how far we'd come since the nightmare of the Cardoza reign.

It's fitting that Town bossed a game against the Hatters, finishing the season in the same imposing way that had characterised their campaign.

You have to go through the hard times to appreciate the good and there was barely a dry eye in the house as Marc Richards lifted the trophy. Cobblers went on to a record 24 games undefeated and a whopping total of 99 points.

The argument over whether the current town crop are better than Graham Carr's class of 86/87 continues but the connection between staff, players and fans in 2015/16 has been something truly unique.



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